

Tottering Tooting!

TOOTING and Mitcham visit Loakes Park tomorrow (Saturday) with four defeats away from home behind them, already this season, the heaviest being a 4-1 reverse at Walthamstow Avenue on Tuesday. They are at present tottering seven places from the foot of the Rothmans Isthmian League table.

The other away defeats have come against strong opposition, namely Leytonstone, Bishops Stortford and Dulwich Hamlet.

These have been intermingled with two home victories, however.

As many as six players left the successful Tooting side at the end of last term but they have been replaced with players like Brian Wooley, who was with locals Maidenhead United last season.

Roy Pettit also signed on from Bromley and other newcomers include, Dave Burke, Roote and Coppin.

They are joined by England international Alan Ives, a

talented winger and a matchwinner on his day, and Dave Cobb the former Walton goalkeeper.

3-1 AGGREGATE

Last year's League matches ended with a 3-1 aggregate to Tooting. They beat Wycombe 2-0 at Loakes Park and the replay was drawn one each at Sandy Lane. That game was probably Wanderers best of the season with both sides playing some superb attacking football. Keith Searle hit Wycombe's goal.

Wycombe, however, have some real problems to sort out after Tuesday night's shock 2-1 defeat at Hitchin Town. There is no news at present of goalkeeper John Maskell, suffering from a broken finger.

Changes must soon be made in defence. Although Bullock and Wood looked happy in the first half at Hitchin, they were hard pressed throughout a frantic second half. Midfield too is far from operating perfectly and positional alterations may also be made.

ROTHMANS ISTMIAN LEAGUE

Division One						
	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Wycombe	6	5	0	1	17	8 15
Hendon	6	4	2	0	9	2 14
Hayes	6	4	1	1	13	7 13
L'tonstone	6	4	1	1	7	4 13
Bishops S	6	4	0	2	16	5 12
W'ton & H	6	3	2	1	9	4 11
Dulwich	6	3	2	1	9	5 11
Bromley	6	3	0	3	15	6 9
L'therhead	6	3	0	3	15	8 9
Sutton	5	2	2	1	6	5 8
W'thamstow	6	2	2	2	8	7 8
K'stonian	5	2	2	1	6	7 8
Oxford	5	2	2	1	8	10 8
Hitchin	6	2	2	2	8	10 8
Woking	4	2	0	2	5	5 6
Tooting	6	2	0	4	4	11 6
Barking	6	2	0	4	4	15 6
Enfield	6	1	1	4	4	5 4
St Albans	6	1	1	4	3	9 4
Clapton	6	1	0	5	4	14 3
Ilford	6	0	2	4	4	14 2
Casuals	5	0	0	5	1	9 0